

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (previously presented) A quantum limit catalyst comprising:
catalytic atomic aggregations, said atomic aggregations consisting essentially of an assembly of atoms of one or more metal elements, said atomic aggregations having a size of 100 Å or less, said size placing said atomic aggregations in the quantum limit, said quantum limit atomic aggregations having a non-crystalline structure.
2. (canceled)
3. (canceled)
4. (currently amended) The catalyst of claim 1, wherein said one or more metal elements of said atomic aggregations include comprise a transition metal.
5. (currently amended) The catalyst of claim 1, wherein said one or more metal elements of said atomic aggregations include comprise Fe, Mg, V, or Co.
6. (original) The catalyst of claim 1, wherein said size of said atomic aggregations is less than or equal to 40 Å.
7. (original) The catalyst of claim 1, wherein said size of said atomic aggregations is less than or equal to 20 Å.
8. (original) The catalyst of claim 1, wherein said catalyst is a hydrogen storage material.
9. (canceled)
10. (canceled)
11. (currently amended) The catalyst of claim 8, wherein said one or more metal elements of said atomic aggregations of said hydrogen storage material include comprises Mg.

12. (original) The catalyst of claim 11, wherein said catalyst absorbs hydrogen in its unactivated state.
13. (original) The catalyst of claim 12, wherein said unactivated hydrogen storage material absorbs at least 4.5 wt.% hydrogen.
14. (original) The catalyst of claim 12, wherein said unactivated hydrogen storage material absorbs at least 3.5 wt.% hydrogen.
15. (original) The catalyst of claim 12, wherein said unactivated hydrogen storage material absorbs hydrogen at a temperature of 30 °C or above.
16. (original) The catalyst of claim 15, wherein said unactivated hydrogen storage material absorbs at least 0.19 weight percent hydrogen.
17. (original) The catalyst of claim 12, wherein said unactivated hydrogen storage material absorbs hydrogen at a temperature of 50 °C or above.
18. (original) The catalyst of claim 17, wherein said unactivated hydrogen storage material absorbs at least 0.43 weight percent hydrogen.
19. (currently amended) The catalyst of claim 1, wherein said catalytic atomic aggregations consist essentially of an assembly of atoms of two or more metal elements.
20. (previously presented) The catalyst of claim 1, wherein said quantum limit atomic aggregations have an amorphous structure.
21. (previously presented) The catalyst of claim 1, wherein said quantum limit atomic aggregations are comprised primarily of surface atoms, said surface atoms being partially unbonded.
22. (currently amended) The catalyst of claim 1, wherein said quantum limit atomic aggregations consist essentially of an assembly of atoms of Mg.

23. (currently amended) The catalyst of claim 1, wherein said quantum limit atomic aggregations consist essentially of an assembly of atoms of V.

24. (currently amended) The catalyst of claim 1, wherein said quantum limit atomic aggregations consist essentially of an assembly of atoms of Co.

25. (currently amended) The catalyst of claim 1, wherein said quantum limit atomic aggregations consist essentially of an assembly of atoms of Fe.